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The CalWORKs Youth Jobs Program has helped youth living in a CalWORKs household to learn and practice the skills needed to transition into a self-sufficient adulthood, through summer jobs. Last summer alone, over 3,300 teens throughout the County participated in the summer employment/paid work experience program and received basic skills training, employment readiness and career planning services.

Originally funded by the federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP), this program had been funded by CalWORKs Performance Incentive funds up until last summer, when the funding source ended. This Board, sensitive to the benefits of providing training and employment opportunities for at-risk and low income youth, directed the County to explore a means by which to continue the program.

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While efforts to identify a viable ongoing funding source for summer youth job programs continue, one-time funding has been identified within the County to sustain the Youth Jobs program in the current year, and expand the scope of the program to all at-risk, low income youth, not just those residing in a CalWORKs household.

We THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board instruct the Department of Community and Senior Services, in collaboration with the Department of Public Social Services, to develop a Summer Youth Jobs Program.

We FURTHER MOVE that the Director of Community and Senior Services be given delegated authority to enter into contracts with appropriate Youth Job providers including the seven Workforce Investment Boards, to sustain the Youth Jobs program during the summer of 2006, after CAO approval, upon County Counsel approval to form.

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